

## **Brown County 4H Leaders Association Meeting**

9/7/21 PM

In person (a few people via Zoom)

In attendance: Melinda Pollen (county 4H), Carrie Ostroski (Lost Dauphin), Jon Hill (county 4H) Jennifer Buss (Happy Valley), Mary Van Dyck (Rockland), Eileen Rueden (leader at large), Cindy Ossmann (Morrison), Lori Calloway (Glenmore), Lisa Ostrenga (Lost Dauphin), Norma Dobberpuhl (Glenmore), Michelle Krupp (Shooting Sports), Mary Pasch (Anston Squires), Lisa Ostrenga (Lost Dauphin), Lois Van Zeeland (Suamico Beavertails), Hollie Eichhorst (fair), Becky McGinn (Legacy Builders), JoAnn VandenAvond (Junior Jets), Mary Ann Beyl (East River Riders), Angela Wiese (Wrightstown), Sarah Brown (Friendly Fields), Jennifer Langhoff (Denmark Red Lightning), Karen DuBois (Junior Jets), Alyssa Zirbel (county 4H)

Meeting called to order at 6:06

Secretary report approved by Lois and seconded by Angela.

Treasurer report was read. There are several expenses outstanding. Report was approved by Neifer and seconded by Lori.

Melinda's report

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- Thank you for the amazing fair, it went very well and the youth did very well. Thank you to Hollie for all the work the fair board puts in!
  - Welcome Jon as a full time 4H employee effective just before the fair! Many of you will recognize Jon from the 4H STEM outreach role.
  - 4H Online is open and ready for enrollment starting September 1. The office will send a list of current members each Wednesday so that main leaders can track.
  - Chris Clover was made again and is now in storage in the Extension Office. There are rules and regulations for safe Chris usage and recommended age is middle school and up. If you would like to use him, check with the office about checking him out. There is also a universal display board for Brown County available.
  - Club charter forms will be emailed to main leaders tomorrow. Melinda demonstrated some of the steps for filling out the charter. These are due online or to the office by NOVEMBER 1.
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Welcome Jon Hill! Jon will be doing rounds to meet clubs in the county, if you haven't touched base yet with Jon, feel free to do so.

State fair blue ribbon basket sold for \$180 and the leaders association gets half of that. The basket was donated so the \$90 will be pure profit.

Fair overview:

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- Exhibits went very well. Only had 253 no shows for entries in both open and junior classes.
- There was a suggestion to have a rooster crowing contest. Hollie will be looking into this. Exhibitors will have to train their rooster to crow on command.
- The judge and superintendent comment sheets went really well and there were very favorable comments.

- If you have suggestions on what needs to be changed for handbooks, let Hollie know. The best way to do that is to send her a section of the handbook and what needs to be changed. She cannot change anything on livestock, though.
- Hollie would like to get back to doing prizes for herdsman'ship, let Hollie know if you have any ideas. One person noticed that the parents were doing a lot of the work and they would like to see the exhibitors do more work. One suggestion was to have a meeting with each animal category to
- Fair checks will be run probably around the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> of the month and they will be handed out at next month's leaders meeting. Please make sure that people know that premium checks will be good for 90 days after issue and any checks that are not cashed are accounted for and that will be taken off of premiums that the fair board gets.

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- One suggestion is to have the members come to the main leaders for the checks to get them sooner.
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- If you are able to display billboards next year downtown or in De Pere (pending city ordinances), it would be nice to have more presence in cities.
  - There was a suggestion to have a separate contest for online advertising in addition to the traditional billboard.
  - Please take a 4H sign home to put in a yard near where you meet.
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Fair food stand is finalizing information.

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- Thank you to everyone involved in making it work as well as it did.
  - Every club who had 12 spots filled in got 3 gallons of ice cream.
  - Next year we will be looking at going back to sign ups per club. It worked good for people who wanted to work with other members they knew from outside of club activities.
  - Stuff left over is ice cream (less was ordered and there was still some leftover).
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Graduation went well, 9 graduates came. Key awards were given out then too. There will be member key award spotlights during the 4H week in October.

October Awards Recognition

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- Nominations were due yesterday and there were two nominations.
  - Awards can be given out during national 4H week (October 9 or 10 is the weekend) along with cloverbud graduation. This weekend is busy for a lot of the people who are planning this.
  - One idea is to do a small make and take event before the leaders association meeting for October. Cindy made a motion to have cloverbud graduation on October 5 at 5.30-6 followed by leader recognition and regular meeting with no executive board meeting before. Motion seconded by Neifer.
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Auction fundraiser will be coming up. Keep an eye out for a form to see what can be in the baskets. Basket items need to be in by October 25. Plan is to end the auction around November 15. No alcohol and Melinda will check with Judy on homemade jams, etc.

Educational experiences for 21/22 (applications are due 10/4 and interviews are 10/18). Kids need to fill out applications. All members need to reapply even if they were not able to go because of COVID restrictions. At this time international trips are anticipated but not confirmed.

Elections for executive board

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- Candidates:
    - Vice President:
    - Treasurer: Mary Van Dyck
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- Member at Large: Jennifer Buss
  - Member at Large: Lisa Van De Hey
  - Youth member: Maddie Wiese, Madelyn Muelemans, and Taylor Langhoff (bylaws state that can have two youth members and one alternate)
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- Motion was made and seconded to close nominations by Cindy and seconded by Sara.
  - Cindy made a motion to cast a unanimous vote and seconded by Lois.
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Other opportunities available on the 4H website.

Fall Forum will be held in person for November 6 (until it's not in person). Keep your eye open for information, this is at the Green Lake Conference Center.

Auction participants will get checks at tonight's wrap up meeting.

Creative Arts Festival will be meeting in October to start planning.

Fundraising: September 18 has 5 people working so far. Contact Lori if you are able to attend. Every event will be different, this one will not require masks or gloves and parking is in back of the new expo building. The stadium still has opportunities for working at Packer games if there is a group interested.

Horse Association is looking at how to proceed in the future.

Pop Tops Collection: keep collecting!

Shooting Sports will be planned in October.

Motion to adjourn was made by Neifer and seconded by Cindy.

**Next Meeting** is 10/5/21 in person at the STEM Center (cloverbud graduation and leader recognition)

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